

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

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PACEMAKER



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Washington, D.C. 20231

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated September 22, 2000, please amend the above-referenced application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Amended) Apparatus for heart pacing with cardiac output modification, comprising:
one or more electrodes[, which] adapted to apply electrical signals to cardiac muscle segments; and
signal generation circuitry[, which applies] adapted to apply an excitatory electrical pulse to at least one or more electrodes to pace the heart and a non-excitatory stimulation pulse of a magnitude and at a timing at which it is unable to generate a propagating action potential to at least one of the one or more electrodes to modify the cardiac output.

27. (Amended) A method for heart pacing with modification of cardiac contraction, comprising: